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SUBJ: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN THAILAND

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1. AS OF 0900 THURSDAY, MAY 1, IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT 3,800 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES HAD REACHED THE ROYAL THAI NAVAL BASE AT UTAPAO, AND THAT 1,300 OF THESE HAD DEPARTED THERE BY SPECIAL AIRLIFT FOR GUAM. THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARRIVED IN THAILAND BY VIETNAMESE MILITARY AIRCRAFT, AND ARE BEING CARED FOR AND EVACUATED BY THE USAF.

2. WE ARE AWARE OF TWO VIETNAMESE CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT THAT LANDED AT DON MUANG AIRPORT IN BANGKOK CARRYING A TOTAL OF 67 PERSONS. AT LEAST THREE OF THESE WERE INDIANS AND THERE COULD HAVE BEEN OTHER THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS ABOARD, BUT AS MANY AS 64 COULD HAVE BEEN VIETNAMESE. ALL PERSONS WHO ARRIVED AT DON MUANG ARE IN THE CUSTODY OF THE RTG.

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3. THE MILITARY ATTACHE AND AN ASSISTANT MILITARY ATTACHE OF THE VIETNAMESE EMBASSY IN BANGKOK ALONG WITH 20 DEPENDENTS AND RELATIVES, YESTERDAY, APRIL 30, REQUESTED ASYLUM AT EMBASSY'S CONSULAR SECTION. REMAINDER OF VIETNAMESE EMBASSY STAFF AND THEIR DEPENDENTS IN BANGKOK MAY NOT BE LONG IN FOLLOWING. ANOTHER HALF DOZEN VIETNAMESE HAVE APPROACHED THE CONSULATE ASKING FOR HELP IN RESETTLING IN THE U.S. THE 10 VIETNAMESE WE BROUGHT OUT IN EAGLE PULL ARE STILL IN THAILAND.

4. WE WISH ALSO TO CALL TO DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION THE PRESENCE OF 36 VIETNAMESE STUDYING IN THAILAND UNDER AID AUSPICES. DETAILS WILL BE SUPPLIED SEPTEL.

5. OUR CONSUL IN UDORN HAS JUST INFORMED US THAT ABOUT TEN VIETNAMESE EMBASSY PERSONNEL FROM LAOS ARRIVED AT THE CONSULATE SEEKING ASSISTANCE FROM U.S. THEY CLAIM THEY FLED ACROSS THE BORDER FOLLOWING THE "SACKING" OF THEIR EMBASSY IN VIENTIANE. WE WILL AWAIT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS ON DISPOSITION OF THIS GROUP PER REFTEL (B).

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